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Title: MULTIBEAM LASER SERVOWRITING OF MAGNETIC DATA STORAGE MEDIA

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 28, 2003, the period of response for which runs through October 28, 2003, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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in Applicants' claims. For these additional reasons, the rejections of Applicants' claims based on Farnsworth are clearly improper and should be withdrawn.

Lacey provides absolutely no teaching that would remedy the deficiencies of Seo or Farnsworth with respect to Applicants' claims. Lacey describes a combined interferometer/ellipsometer for measuring small spacings. As far as Applicants can discern, Lacey makes no mention of servo patterns whatsoever, much less a specific process for creating servo patterns in magnetic tape, as recited in Applicants' claims. The relevance of Lacey to the current application is dubious at best.

Independent claim 35 and dependent claim 27 further recite directing the beams onto a *substrate surface* of a magnetic data storage tape to write at least two servo tracks simultaneously on the *substrate surface* of the magnetic data storage tape. This feature is also not disclosed or suggested in the applied references. Moreover, the Examiner failed to even address this feature. Claims 35 and 27 should be allowed for this additional reason, i.e., because the applied references fail to disclose or suggest directing two or more beams onto a *substrate surface* to simultaneously write at least two servo tracks on the *substrate surface*.

For at least the reasons set forth above, claims 25-43 are in condition for allowance. Applicants in no way acquiesce to any of the Examiner's characterizations of the applied references with respect to the features recited in Applicants' claims. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims for at least the reasons set forth above.

Please charge the Terminal Disclaimer Fee and any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 09-0069. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this application.

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